

Performing Arts Center Board Minutes 06/17/2009

SIMSBURY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 17, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dave Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m. In addition to Mr. Ryan, Board members Janet Goman, Greg Piecuch and Adam Sharaf were present. Also in attendance was Gerry Toner, Director of Parks & Recreation. Guests included Sarah Nielsen of the Simsbury Main Street Partnership, Nancy Haase of the EDC and, arriving at 8:10, First Selectman Mary Glassman.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 1

Mr. Piecuch moved to moved to approve the minutes of June 1, 2009. Mr. Sharaf seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Goman abstained.

III. 2009 SCHEDULE AND OPERATIONS REVIEW

Mr. Toner gave a review of the 2009 schedule and operations. The HSO loads in on Friday, June 19. Advance sales for the TMMF have done well. All of the HSO's payments are on schedule in accordance with their license agreement. The license fees for the Cirque de la Symphonie and Earth, Wind & Fire shows have also been paid. Both the Marathon and the Calhoun Ride events were successful. Mr. Toner has since received multiple inquiries from other non-profit entities.

IV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FOOD CONCESSION ARRANGEMENTS

Sarah Nielsen of the Simsbury Main Street Partnership (“SMSP”) addressed the Board. She noted that the SMSP is prepared to provide food concessions for this season’s TMMF even though it has not received a formal request to do so from the Town. The Board members discussed entering into an agreement with the SMSP to provide food concessions at the TMMF for the 2009 season and future seasons. The Board reviewed a draft Memorandum of Understanding that had been prepared by SMSP. The Board suggested changes to the Memorandum.

Mr. Piecuch moved to request the Board of Selectmen approve and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Town and the Simsbury Main Street Partnership concerning food concessions at the Talcott Mountain Music Festival, as presented by the Simsbury Main Street Partnership, with amendments. Mr. Sharaf seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board also discussed concessions for the Cirque de la Symphonie and Earth, Wind & Fire performances. It was reported that, currently, no arrangements have been made for food concessions at these shows.

Mr. Piecuch moved to request the Board of Selectmen approve and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Town and the Simsbury Main Street Partnership concerning food concessions at the Cirque de la Symphonie and Earth, Wind & Fire performances, subject to approval by the Simsbury Main Street Partnership Board. Mr. Sharaf seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Mr. Toner reported on the two previously-approved capital items. The fencing has been installed under budget. Tables and chairs have been ordered and received. Cost was as quoted.

VI. SIGNAGE IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE

This matter was tabled.

VII. SETTING OF A GOVERNANCE RECOMMENDATION MEETING DATE

The meeting was set for June 25 at 7 p.m., subject to Attorney DeCrescenzo's availability.

VIII. CONSIDERATION OF OTHER PAC USE REQUESTS

Mr. Ryan presented a request from Simsbury Youth Football and Cheer. Following a discussion it was agreed that more information was needed before acting on the request.

Mr. Piecuch moved to table the request. Mr. Sharaf seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Piecuch moved to adjourn at 8:28 a.m. Mr. Sharaf seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory W. Piecuch
Vice-Chairman